

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: reissue application of )

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App. No.: 10/039,578 )

Filing date: 04/22/2003 )

**SAFETY APPARATUS OF A PIEZO-** )

**ELECTRIC LIGHTER** )

Examiner: Suereth, Sarah E.

Art Unit: 3749

Atty Docket No.: 01-10-1769

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.183

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant submits this petition under 37 CFR 1.183 and requests waiver of the signature requirement of the inventor in the Supplemental Declaration submitted concurrently herewith because the inventor cannot be reached.

On August 19, 2002, Applicant submitted a Petition Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.172(a) and 37 CFR 1.47(b), requesting that the Commissioner permit the Assignee to proceed with the prosecution of this reissue application without a signed declaration from the inventor. Finding that Applicant submitted sufficient proof to demonstrate that bona fide effort was made to provide the non-signing inventor with the application papers and that either the non-signing inventor

cannot be reached, or having been reached, refused to execute the declaration, the Commissioner granted the petition on May 22, 2003. Pursuant to the Commissioner's Decision of May 22, 2003, this application is accorded Rule 1.47(b) status.

5       The Rule 1.47(b) status of this application remains same because the inventor still cannot be reached. Accordingly, Applicant incorporates here the Petition and all supporting documents thereof, which were submitted on August 19, 2002, as well as the Commissioner's Decision granting Rule 1.47(b)  
10   status.

For the foregoing reasons, it is requested that the signature requirement of the inventor in the Supplemental Declaration be waived, and that the Commissioner accept the attached Supplemental Declaration signed by Assignees to  
15   fulfill the requirements of 37 CFR 1.175(b). The petition fee of \$400 is also submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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